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SUBJECT: STATISTICS OF HUNGARIAN EMIGRATION

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY: ON APRIL 27 GOH FURNISHED REQUESTED STATICS ON EMIGRATION FROM HUNGARY, WITH VERBAL COMMENT. NO SURPRISES. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA CONSULAR DEPARTMENT CHIEF, GRESZNARYK, HANDED CHARGE SINGLE-PAGE SHEET OF FOLLOWING STATISTICS, WHICH WE REPEAT VERBATIM:

HUNGARIAN NATIONALS EMIGRATION AND RETURNED TO HUNGARY FROM 1973 TO 1977

1. EMIGRANTS

YEAR	TO SOC. COUNTRIES	TO NON-SOC. COUNTRIES	TOTAL NUMBER
1973	863	1,467	2,330
1974	877	1,435	2,312
1975	1.052	1.404	2.456

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1976	1.036	1.223	2.259
1977	1.089	1.140	2.229
SUM			
TOTAL	4.917	6.269	11.586

2. PEOPLE WHO RETURNED HOME (EMBASSY NOTE: FOR RESIDENCE)

YEAR	FROM SOC.	FROM NON-SOC.	TOTAL NUMBER

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	COUNTRIES	COUNTRIES	
1973	47	558	605
1974	88 60	529	589
1975	77	750	827
1976	20	781	801
1977	141	488	629
SUM			
TOTAL	345	3.106	3.451

END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. IN VERBAL REMARKS, GRESZNARYK MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.
-- FALLOFF FROM 1973 IN EMIGRATION TO NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES REPRESENTS NO CHANGE OR HARDENING OF GOH PRACTICE IN ADJUDICATING EXIT APPLICATIONS. RATHER, FEWER APPLICATIONS WERE PRESENTED.
-- GOH APPROVES APPROXIMATEL 92 PERCENT OF EMIGRATION APPLICATIONS, SPECIFICALLY, 92.6 PERCENT OF THOSE SUBMITTED FOR EMIGRATION TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND 91.4PERCENT OF THOSE SUBMITTED FOR EMIGRATION TO NON-SOCIALIST COUNTIRES.
-- GRESZNARYK REPORTED THE SAME CA. 92 PERCENT ISSUANCE FIGURE TO CODEL EILBERG LAST AUGUST. STATED THAT SHOULD USG FEEL NEED TO CITE THE FIGURE, GOH WOULD VERY MUCH PREFER AND REQUESTS THAT FIGURE BE REPORTED AS HAVING BEEN CONVEYED TO CODEL EILBERG, RATHER THAN IN PRESENT CONTEXT.
-- GOH HAD EXPENDED MUCH EFFORT IN COLLECTING AND PREPARING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE STATISTICS. GOH DID SO REGARDING OURS AS A ONE-TIME REQUEST ONLY. GOH WOULD NOT DESIRE THE REQUEST TO BE REPEATED.

5. TO LATTER POINT, SPEAKING "PERSONALLY", CHARGE REPLIED AS FOLLOWS. INASMUCH AS EMIGRATION IS OF IMPORTANT CONCERN TO CONGRESS IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT, IT WAS LIKELY OR POSSIBLE THAT IN FUTURE AS CONGRESS WATCHES EFFECTS OF TRADE AGREEMENT IT COULD REQUEST EMIGRATION STATISTICS UPDATES. WE HOPE THAT GOH WOULD UNDERSTAND THIS, AND WOULD RESPOND.

6. COMMENT. EMBASSY FIRST REQUESTED STATISTICS LAST FEBRUARY 22. GRESZNARYK MADE NO EXPLANATION OF DELAY IN PROVIDING THEM BEYOND REFERENCE TO DIFFICULTY AS TO THE MECHANICS OF COLLECTING THEM. REAL REASON WAS PROBABLY GREAT RELUCTANCE IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OR ELSEWHERE TO HAVE TO REPORT ON AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS MATTER TO A FOREIGN STATE AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE. GOH IS ON RECORD IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS IN PAST WITH EMBOFFS TO BE STRONGLY OPPOSED AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDING U.S. REPORTS AND EXPLANATIONS ON EMIGRATION AS ROMANIA HAS DE FACTO

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BECOME REQUIRED TO DO REPEATEDLY SINCE CONCLUSION OF ITS TRADE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. GRESZNARYK'S EMPHASIS THAT GOH REGARDED OUR REQUEST AS A ONE-TIME ONE ONLY IS A CLEAR REMINDER OF THIS.

7. THERE ARE NO PARTICULAR SURPRISES IN THE FIGURES. THE CORRESPOND IN GENERAL TO WHAT WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, AND TO WHAT WE EXPECTED. GRESZNARYK REPEATED WHAT MFA PREVIOUSLY TOLD US, THAT FIGURES ON JEWISH EMIGRATION COULD NOT BE PROVIDED BECAUSE SUCH STATISTICS ARE NOT MAINTAINED. END COMMENT. WILGIS

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